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In the Drawings

Please find attached a replacement sheet for Fig. 1.

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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-20 remain in this application. Claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 1 and 16 have been amended.

In the Drawings

Fig. 1 stands objected to because it failed to show items 72 and 74; and items 46-48 were not shown as described in the specification. Applicant has submitted a replacement sheet with the corrected items.

In the Claims

Claims 1, 3-6, and 15-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Goss (US 6,320,534). Further, Claims 7-10 and 13-14 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goss in view of Rayburn (US 6,937,869). Claims 2 and 11-12 are noted as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

To facilitate immediate allowance of claims in the present application, though Applicant has viable arguments against the above-noted standing rejections, Applicant has amended all rejected independent claims (Claims 1 and 16) to include subject matter which the Examiner acknowledged as allowable. More specifically, subject matter of Claim 2 has been included in Claims 1 and 16. For at least this reason, Applicant believes all pending claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Further, Claims 5, 9, and 17 have been amended to correct typographical errors.

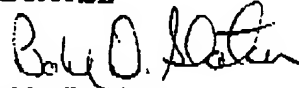
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CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact Bobby Slaton at (972) 519-2295.

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